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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Seiichi KUSUMOTO et al.

Examiner: DUONG, Thoi V.

Serial Number: 10/068,094

Group Art Unit: 2871

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For: POLARIZING FILM POLARIZING PLATE AND LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 23, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2002, the Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment filed on February 5, 2002 be entered and considered, that the rejections of record be reconsidered in view of the preliminary amendment, and that a new Office Action be mailed to the signatory below.

Specifically, it is submitted that the Office Action of September 23, 2002 is directed to the claims prior to entry of the preliminary amendment of February 5, 2002.

Reference is made to the Request for New Office Action filed on October 16, 2002 and the Request for Status filed on December 4, 2002. During a telephone conversation with the Examiner on December 9, 2002 initiated by the signatory below, the Examiner indicated that a new Office Action would be sent shortly. Such a new Office Action is again respectfully requested.

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In view of the above, it is submitted that one or both of the submission filed on October 16, 2002 and the present submission are fully responsive to the Office Action of September 23, 2002.

In the event there is, in the Examiner's opinion, any outstanding issue and such issue may be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of the response period. Please charge the fee for such extension and any other fees which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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